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Religious and Charitable Endowments

Election of Mr. P. V. Nataraja Mudaliyar as a Member of the Madras Corporation.

*553 Q.—Mr. C. N. Muthuranga Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) whether Mr. P. V. Nataraja Mudaliyar, one of the Commissioners of the Hindu Religious Endowments Board, is an elected member of the Madras Corporation; and

(b) if the answer to (a) is in the affirmative, whether he has obtained the sanction of the Government under sub-section (1) of section 14 of the Hindu Religious Endowments Act of 1927?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) He addressed the Government before he stood for election in 1925 and he was informed that there was no objection to his standing.

Excise

Privilege of licensing boards to municipalities.

*554 Q.—Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) why the Government have restricted the privilege of licensing boards only to municipalities with a population of above 50,000;

(b) why it was found necessary to fix a minimum beyond which the number of shops should not be reduced by the licensing boards during the whole course of their official career;

(c) whether the Government have received a representation from the Health Association, Nandyal, requesting that all municipalities should have the privilege of a licensing board; and

(d) what action the Government propose to take thereon?

A.—(a) & (b) The hon. Member is referred to the report of the Excise Advisory Committee which was placed on the table of the House and to the orders thereon contained in G.O. No. 1576, Revenue, dated 17th September 1926, which was placed on the Editors' Table.

(c) & (d) The Government have not received any representations from the Health Association, Nandyal, concerning the formation of licensing boards in all the municipalities.

Fisheries

Alleged defective condition of the fishing trawler "Lady Goschen."

*555 Q.—Mr. J. A. Saldanha: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether the fishing trawler "Lady Goschen" was lying at the Madras Harbour about 5th July 1927, and if so, for what purpose;

(b) on what expeditions it has been despatched, and what uses it has been put to since it was brought to India in various places, at what cost and with what profit or loss;